# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL
# LOK SABHA

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COAL ALLOCATION POLICY
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government's policy of allocating coal blocks to private parties and Public Sector Units (PSUs)has failed as reported in 'The Times of India' dated 22 June,2008;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the coal based industries and power plants have been adversely affected due to insufficient production of coal; and

(d) if so,the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of coal in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.

(c)&(d): Coal producing subsidiaries have enough reserves to meet the demand of the coal based industries and power plants.Further,the following steps have been taken by the Government to augment the indigenous availability of coal:-

# 91 projects were identified in Tenth Five Year Plan in Coal India Limited,out of which 87 projects have been approved.

# Additionally another 125 projects have been identified with capacity of 298 million tonnes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan Period.

# 198 captive coal blocks have been allocated to public and private sector companies from which 104 million tonnes of coal is likely to be produced by the terminal year (2011-12) of the Eleventh Five Year Plan.